

9 apparatus being in communication with the server via  
10 a communication network;

11 wherein the server comprises:

- 12 i) [a] script generating means for generating a script  
13 program from the set of queries, the script program  
14 being executable by the remotely programmable  
15 apparatus to communicate the set of queries to the  
16 individual, to receive responses to the set of  
17 queries, and to transmit the responses from the  
18 remotely programmable apparatus to the server; and  
19 ii) [a] database means connected to the script  
20 generating means, the database means for storing the  
21 script program and the responses to the set of  
22 queries;

23 and wherein the remotely programmable apparatus  
24 comprises:

- 25 i) [a] communication means for receiving the script  
26 program from the server and for transmitting the  
27 responses to the server;  
28 ii) [a] user interface means for communicating the set  
29 of queries to the individual and for receiving the  
30 responses to the set of queries;  
31 iii) [a] memory means for storing the script program and  
32 the responses to the set of queries; and  
33 iv) [a] processor means connected to the communication  
34 means, the user interface means, and the memory  
35 means for executing the script program to  
36 communicate the set of queries to the individual,  
37 to receive the responses to the set of queries, and  
38 to transmit the responses to the server.

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1 2. (Once amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the server  
2 comprises a web server having a web page for entry of  
3 the set of queries, and wherein the remote interface  
4 means is connected to the web server via the Internet.

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1 3. (Once amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the user  
2 interface means comprises a display for displaying the  
3 queries, and user input buttons for entering the  
4 responses.

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1 4. (Once amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the user  
2 interface means includes a speech synthesis means for  
3 audibly communicating the set of queries to the  
4 individual.

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1 5. (Once amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the user  
2 interface means includes a speech recognition means for  
3 receiving spoken responses to the set of queries.

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1 6. (Once amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising  
2 at least one monitoring device for producing  
3 measurements of a physiological condition of the  
4 individual and for transmitting the measurements to the  
5 remotely programmable apparatus, wherein the remotely  
6 programmable apparatus further includes device interface  
7 means connected to the processor means for receiving the  
8 measurements from the monitoring device, the memory  
9 means includes means for storing the measurements, and  
10 the communication means includes means for transmitting  
11 the measurements to the server.

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1 7. (Once amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the device  
2 interface means includes means for interfacing with a  
3 plurality of monitoring devices, and the script program  
4 specifies a selected one of the plurality of monitoring  
5 devices from which to collect the measurements.

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1 10. (Once amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the  
2 remotely programmable apparatus further [includes]

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3 comprises notification means connected to the processor  
4 means, the notification means for notifying the  
5 individual that unanswered queries are stored in the  
6 remotely programmable apparatus.

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1 13. (Once amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising  
2 a plurality of remotely programmable apparatuses in  
3 communication with the server, the plurality of remotely  
4 programmable apparatuses for remotely monitoring a  
5 corresponding plurality of individuals, wherein the  
6 database means includes means for storing a plurality of  
7 script programs, the remote interface means includes  
8 means for entering script assignment information, the  
9 server includes script assignment means connected to the  
10 database means for assigning to each of the plurality of  
11 individuals at least one of the plurality of script  
12 programs in accordance with the script assignment  
13 information, and the database means further includes  
14 means for storing a list of the plurality of  
15 individuals, and for each of the plurality of  
16 individuals, a respective pointer to the at least one of  
17 the plurality of script programs assigned to each of the  
18 plurality of individuals.

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1 17. (Once amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the  
2 device interface includes means for interfacing with a  
3 plurality of monitoring devices, the script program  
4 specifies a selected one of the plurality of monitoring  
5 devices from which to collect the measurements, and the  
6 method further comprises the step of prompting the  
7 individual to connect the selected one of the plurality  
8 of monitoring devices to the device interface.

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1 26. (Once amended) The method of claim 14, further  
2 comprising the steps of:

- 3 a) providing a plurality of individuals with a  
4 corresponding plurality of apparatuses such that  
5 each of the plurality of individuals is  
6 associated with a respective one of the  
7 plurality of apparatuses;  
8 b) entering in the server a plurality of sets of  
9 queries;  
10 c) generating in the server a plurality of script  
11 programs such that each of the plurality of  
12 script programs corresponds to a respective one  
13 of the plurality of sets of queries;  
14 d) assigning to each of the plurality of  
15 individuals at least one of the plurality of  
16 script programs;  
17 e) storing in the server the plurality of script  
18 programs, a list of the plurality of  
19 individuals, and for each of the plurality of  
20 individuals, a respective pointer to the at  
21 least one of the plurality of script programs  
22 assigned to each of the plurality of  
23 individuals; and  
24 f) transmitting to each of the plurality of  
25 apparatuses the at least one of the plurality of  
26 script programs assigned to each of the  
27 plurality of individuals associated with the  
28 respective one of the plurality of apparatuses.

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27. (Once amended) A system for communicating information to  
an individual, the system comprising:

- 3 a) a server;  
4 b) a remote interface means connected to the server,  
5 the remote interface means for specifying a message  
6 to be communicated to the individual; and  
7 c) a remotely programmable apparatus for communicating  
8 the message to the individual, the remotely

9            programmable apparatus being networked to the server  
10            via a communication network;  
11        wherein the server includes a script generating means  
12            for generating a script program executable by the  
13            remotely programmable apparatus to communicate the  
14            message to the individual;  
15        and wherein the apparatus comprises:  
16            i)     [a] communication means for receiving the  
17                   script program from the server;  
18            [iii)] ii) [a] memory means for storing the script  
19                   program;  
20            [ii)] iii) [a] user interface means for communicating  
21                   the message to the individual; and  
22            iv)     [a] processor means connected to the  
23                   communication means, the user interface means,  
24                   and the memory means for executing the script  
25                   program.

26        ~~33.~~ <sup>31</sup> (Once amended) The system of claim ~~27~~ <sup>31</sup>, wherein the  
1        ~~28.~~ server further includes database means connected to the  
2        script generating means, the database means for storing  
3        data relating to the individual, and wherein the script  
4        generating means includes means for inserting the data  
5        into the script program to customize the message to the  
6        individual.  
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9        ~~33.~~ <sup>31</sup> (Once amended) The system of claim ~~27~~ <sup>31</sup>, wherein the  
1        remotely programmable apparatus further includes  
2        notification means, the notification means connected to  
3        the processor means for notifying the individual that a  
4        new message has been received.  
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7        ~~40.~~ <sup>40</sup> (Once amended) The system of claim ~~27~~ <sup>31</sup>, further  
1        comprising a plurality of remotely programmable  
2        apparatuses networked to the server for communicating  
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4 information to a corresponding plurality of individuals,  
5 wherein the server includes database means for storing a  
6 plurality of script programs, the remote interface means  
7 includes means for entering in the server script  
8 assignment information, the server includes script  
9 assignment means connected to the database means for  
10 assigning to each of the plurality of individuals at  
11 least one of the plurality of script programs in  
12 accordance with the script assignment information, and  
13 the database means further includes means for storing a  
14 list of the plurality of individuals, and for each of  
15 the plurality of individuals, a respective pointer to  
16 the at least one of the plurality of script programs  
17 assigned to each of the plurality of individuals.

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1 ~~38.~~ (Once amended) The method of claim ~~37~~, wherein the step  
2 ~~42.~~ of transmitting the script program from the server to  
3 the apparatus is preceded by the steps of: storing in  
4 the server data relating to the individual, and  
5 inserting the data into the script program to customize  
6 the message to the individual.

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1 ~~44.~~ (Once amended) The method of claim ~~37~~, wherein the user  
2 ~~48.~~ interface comprises a display, and the [step of  
3 communicating the] message is communicated to the  
4 individual [comprises] by displaying the message on the  
5 display.

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1 ~~45.~~ (Once amended) The method of claim ~~37~~, wherein the user  
2 interface comprises a speech synthesizer, and the [step  
3 of communicating the] message is communicated to the  
4 individual [comprises] by audibly synthesizing the  
5 message through the speech synthesizer.  
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1 46. (Once amended) The method of claim ~~37~~, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

- 3 a) providing a plurality of individuals with a  
4 corresponding plurality of apparatuses such that  
5 each of the plurality of individuals is associated  
6 with a respective one of the plurality of  
7 apparatuses;  
8 b) generating in the server a plurality of script  
9 programs;  
10 c) assigning to each of the plurality of individuals  
11 at least one of the plurality of script programs;  
12 d) storing in the server the plurality of script  
13 programs, a list of the plurality of individuals, a  
14 and for each of the plurality of individuals, a  
15 respective pointer to the at least one of the  
16 plurality of script programs assigned to each of  
17 the plurality of individuals; and  
18 e) transmitting to each of the plurality of  
19 apparatuses the at least one of the plurality of  
20 script programs assigned to each of the plurality  
21 of individuals associated with the respective one  
22 of the plurality of apparatuses.  
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Please add the following new claims:

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1 - ~~47~~. The system of claim 1, wherein the communication means  
2 comprises a modem.

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1 48. The system of claim 1, wherein the system is adapted to  
2 allow the individual to select a time at which to respond  
3 to the set of queries.  
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1 ~~49.~~ The system of claim 1, wherein the server includes a merge  
2 program and a database, said database including a look-up  
3 table, said look-up table for storing personal data  
4 relating to the individual, and said merge program for  
5 merging the personal data with at least one generic script  
6 program to provide at least one custom script program.

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1 ~~50.~~ The system of claim 49, wherein the at least one custom  
2 script program contains information customized to the  
3 individual.

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1 51. A system for communicating information to an individual,  
2 comprising:  
3 a) remote interface means for specifying information to be  
4 communicated to the individual;  
5 b) a server connected to said remote interface means, said  
6 server including script program generating means for  
7 generating a script program, said script program for  
8 communicating the information to be communicated to the  
9 individual; and  
10 c) a remotely programmable apparatus networked to said  
11 server via a communication network, said remotely  
12 programmable apparatus including:  
13 i) communication means for receiving said script  
14 program from said server;  
15 ii) memory means for storing said script program;  
16 iii) user interface means for conveying the information  
17 to be communicated to the individual, and for  
18 receiving input from the individual; and  
19 iv) processor means for executing said script program,  
20 said processor means connected to said  
21 communication means, to said user interface means,  
22 and to said memory means.

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1 52. The system of claim 51, wherein said communications means  
2 comprises a modem.

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1 53. The system of claim 51, further comprising at least one  
2 monitoring device in communication with said remotely  
3 programmable apparatus, said at least one monitoring  
4 device for providing at least one measurement of a  
5 physiological parameter of the individual.

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1 54. The system of claim 53, wherein said at least one  
2 measurement is transmitted to said remote interface means  
3 via said server.

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1 55. The system of claim 53, wherein said at least one  
2 monitoring device is connected to said remotely  
3 programmable apparatus via a cable.

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1 56. The system of claim 53, wherein said at least one  
2 monitoring device is selected from the group consisting of  
3 a blood glucose meter, a respiratory flow meter, a blood  
4 pressure cuff, an electronic weight scale, and a pulse rate  
5 monitor.

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1 57. The system of claim 51, wherein the information to be  
2 communicated is customized to the individual.

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1 58. The system of claim 51, wherein the information to be  
2 communicated is a message.  
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1 59. The system of claim 51, wherein the information to be  
2 communicated is a set of queries to be answered by the  
3 individual.  
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1 60. The system of claim 51, wherein said remotely programmable  
2 apparatus comprises at least one monitoring device jack for  
3 operably linking at least one monitoring device to said  
4 remotely programmable apparatus.  
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1 61. The system of claim 51, wherein said remotely programmable  
2 apparatus is located at the residence of an individual to  
3 be monitored, and said remote interface means is located at  
4 a location remote from the residence of the individual to  
5 be monitored.  
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